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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 3822

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OCLR, ET, US
SUBJECT: PORT VISIT REQUEST FOR USS VREELAND TO FUEL
AT ASSAB, ETHIOPIA, 4 OCT, 1978

REF: CNO MSG DTG 012310Z AUG 78 (NOTAL)

1. REF MSG REQUESTED EMBASSY TO SEEK ETHIOPIAN
GOVERNMENT CLEARANCES FOR USS VREELAND TO FUEL
AT ASSAB ON 4 OCT.

2. FORMAL REQUEST FOR SHIP VISIT WAS MADE BY
DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON 2 AUG AND WE HAVE BEEN
FOLLOWING UP REGULARLY SINCE THEN. NO DECISION
HAS BEEN TAKEN YET BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT,
WHICH IS FULLY AWARE OF ROUTINE VISITS TO PORT
SUDAN, AND MOGADISCIO, SOMALIA, BY ELEMENTS
OF MIDEASTFOR. WE ARE MILDLY, BUT ONLY
MILDLY, ENCOURAGED THAT THE ETHIOPIANS HAVE NOT
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REJECTED OUR PROPOSAL OUT-OF-HAND AND THAT THEY
HAVE REACTED CALMLY TO THE CALLS AT PORT SUDAN AND MOGADISCIO.
OUR REQUEST FOR A ROUTINE FUELING STOP AT ASSAB MAY HAVE
ALREADY SERVED A USEFUL PURPOSE AS THEY WERE ABLE TO RELATE
ALL THREE VISITS OR PROPOSED VISITS.

3. IN A DISCUSSION AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY 29

AUG WE WERE INFORMED THAT A REPLY TO OUR REQUEST
WOULD MOST PROBABLY NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER
THE WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION OF THE 4TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION (11-15 SEPT). WE
WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW-UP IN LOW-KEY AND WILL
INFORM ALL ADDRESSEES ASAP WHEN WE HAVE A
DEFINITE REPLY.
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